

Remarks

Claims 1-68 are currently pending in this application, with claims 13-68 being withdrawn from consideration. In view of the following remarks, early allowance of the selected claims is solicited.

Restriction Under 35 USC § 121

The Examiner restricted originally filed claims 1-68 as allegedly being directed to four separate inventions, namely:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a decision analysis system.
- II. Claims 13-49, drawn to a value-based decision analysis component.
- III. Claims 50-53, drawn to an integrated value-based decision analysis system.
- IV. Claims 54-68, drawn to a method of assisting a customer.

Solely for purposes of expediting prosecution of this matter and without comment as to whether the Examiner's restriction of the claims is proper or accurate, Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1-12) without traverse.

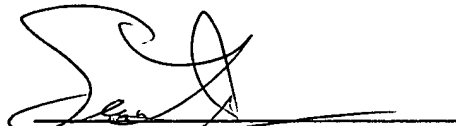
Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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